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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCMAHIS.

STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION

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ITEM NO: 2

DATE: 4 APRIL 1974

SUBJECT: TENSIONS INCREASE WITHIN ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES

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TENSION IS HIGH BETWEEN THE PARATROOPERS AND THE AIRMEN AT THE AIRBASE NEAR DEBRE ZEIT ACCORDING TO THE US DEFENSE ATTACHE WHO PERSONALLY INSPECTED THE AREA. THE PARATROOPERS TOOK CONTROL OF THE BASE ON MARCH 25 TO FORESTALL A COUP BY THE RADICALS IN THE AIR FORCE. THE ATTACHE ALSO REPORTS INCIDENTS OF AN UNKNOWN NATURE BETWEEN POLICE AND TERRITORIAL ARMY UNITS IN THE TOWN OF DEBRE ZEIT.

THE HOSTILITY COULD LEAD TO TROUBLE BETWEEN THE PARATROOPERS AND AIRMEN, IN WHICH THE AIRMEN WOULD PROBABLY BE JOINED BY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FROM ADDIS ABABA. AIR FORCE RADICALS HAVE DEVELOPED CLOSE

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TIES TO THE STUDENTS DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THE TWO GROUPS SHARE COMMON OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING A DESIRE TO REPLACE PRIME MINISTER ENDALKATCHEW'S CABINET WITH A GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO A SWIFT RESTRUCTURING OF ETHIOPIAN SOCIETY. THE STUDENTS HAVE CALLED FOR THE RELEASE OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL ARRESTED FOR PARTICIPATING IN LAST WEEK'S COUP ATTEMPT. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RESUMED THEIR BOYCOTT OF CLASSES ON APRIL 2. E-2 IMPDET.M

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